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TION OF PLO OBSERVER STATUS

REF: STATE 012808

1. SUMMARY. GOF DELEGATE TO ILO DOUBTFUL THAT POSSIBILITY EXISTS TO ENGINEER POSTPONEMENT OF DISCUSSION PLO ISSUE FROM FEBRUARY TO MAY. END SUMMARY.

2. LABATT DISCUSSED SUBJECT MATTER WITH GOF DELEGATE CONFIDENTIAL

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TO ILO ALEXANDRE PARODI ON 24 JANUARY. PARODI'S

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IMMEDIATE AND SPONTANEOUS REACTION WAS TO AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE IF A WAY COULD BE FOUND TO POST-PONE DISCUSSION OF PLO ISSUE FROM FEBRUARY TO MAY. "GAINING TIME ON SUCH A DIFFICULT ISSUE IS ALWAYS WORTH THE EFFORT", SAID HE.

3. AS DISCUSSION PROGRESSED, HOWEVER, HE BECAME INCREASINGLY DOUBTFUL THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ENGINEER SUCH A POSTPONEMENT AT THIS TIME. IT WOULD REQUIRE AGREEMENT IN ADVANCE, HE SAID, ON THE PART OF ALL GB MEMBERS TO QUIETLY DROP THE PLO ITEM AND MECHANICALLY RECORD A RECOMMENDATION FOR FAVORABLE DECISION AT GB MAY MEETING. HE THOUGHT VERY UNLIKELY THAT ARAB STATES WOULD AGREE TO SUCH A PROCEDURE AND HE DID NOT SEE WHAT ARGUMENTS COULD BE MUSTERED TO PERSUADE THEM TO ACCEPT IT.

4. PARODI RULED OUT POSSIBILITY OF GOF AUTHORIZING HIM TO ARGUE AGAINST ARABS, LET ALONE TO VOTE AGAINST OR EVEN ABSTAIN ON THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE IF DISCUSSION WERE HELD AS SCHEDULED AND ISSUE CAME TO A VOTE.

5. HE SEIZED THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEPLORE ONCE AGAIN THE UNITY THE THIRD WORLD IS DISPLAYING IN OPPOSITION TO THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND IN CASTING BLOC VOTES ON EVERY CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE. HE CONFIDED THAT HE IS LOSING EVERY HOPE THAT THE "THIRD WORLD PROLETARIAN SOLIDARITY" COULD BE BROKEN UNDER PRESSURE OF CONFLICTING NATIONAL OR REGIONAL INTERESTS. HIS LAST HOPE WAS OIL BUT EVEN THAT SEEMS TO FAIL AS A DIVISIVE FACTOR.

6. PARODI WELCOMED IRVING BROWN'S DESIGNATION AS U.S. WORKER DELEGATE TO ILO AND REGRETTED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW HIM BETTER. HE HOPES BROWN WILL LIVE UP TO HIS REPUTATION FOR LUCID APPRECIATION OF COMMUNIST DANGER BUT ALSO FOR INTELLIGENCE AND SOPHISTICATION. HE THOUGHT HOWEVER THAT THE TOOLS FOR FRUSTRATING COMMUNIST DESIGNS ARE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF THE 40S AND 50S BECAUSE THE CONFIDENTIAL

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NATURE AND METHODS OF COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY HAVE CHANGED AS WELL.

7. HE REACTED WITH KEEN INTEREST AND OBVIOUS PLEASURE TO THE NEWS THAT AFL-CIO IS RESUMING ITS SEAT ON OECD'S TUAC.
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